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§15–102.4.

- (a) (1) Each managed care organization shall be actuarially sound.
- (2) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the surplus that a managed care organization is required to have shall be paid in full.
- (ii) A managed care organization shall have an initial surplus that exceeds the liabilities of the managed care organization by at least \$1,500,000.
- (b) (1) In consultation with the Secretary, the Insurance Commissioner may adjust the initial surplus requirement for a managed care organization that is not licensed as a health maintenance organization. In determining whether to make an adjustment under this paragraph, the Commissioner shall consider:
- (i) The proposed capitation level that would be received by the managed care organization under a contract with the Department under this subtitle;
- (ii) The proposed range of benefits to be provided under a contract with the Department under this subtitle;
- (iii) The existence of any commitment by the Secretary to designate funds over and above the proposed capitation where the designated funds:
- 1. Are equivalent to the difference between the requirements of § 19–710 of this article and any lower requirements determined by the Commissioner under this subparagraph; and
- 2. Would be available in case of the impairment or insolvency of the managed care organization; and
- (iv) The availability of the money held in trust by the Secretary to pay claims in case of impairment or insolvency of the managed care organization.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, a managed care organization shall have an initial surplus that exceeds liabilities by at least \$1,250,000. If a managed care organization has an initial surplus that is at least \$1,250,000 but less than \$1,500,000, prior to approval, the Department shall designate funds under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection sufficient to provide an initial surplus of at least \$1,500,000.

- (c) (1) (i) Each managed care organization shall maintain a surplus that exceeds the liabilities of the managed care organization in the amount that is at least equal to the greater of \$750,000 or 5 percent of the subscription charges earned during the prior calendar year as recorded in the annual report filed by the managed care organization with the Commissioner.
- (ii) No managed care organization shall be required to maintain a surplus in excess of a value of \$3,000,000.
- (2) (i) For the protection of the managed care organization's enrollees and creditors, the applicant shall deposit and maintain in trust with the State Treasurer \$100,000 in cash or government securities of the type described in § 5–701(b) of the Insurance Article.
- (ii) 1. The deposits shall be accepted and held in trust by the State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Insurance Article.
- 2. For the purpose of applying this subparagraph, a managed care organization shall be treated as an insurer.
- (d) Each managed care organization shall comply with risk based capital standards in accordance with regulations adopted by the Insurance Commissioner under § 4–311 of the Insurance Article.

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